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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN RFE EVALUATION REPORT

REF: BUCHAREST 2929

1. CONGEN AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF RFE/RL WERE TO OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES ALONG LINES OF THOSE OUTLINED IN PARAS SIX AND SEVEN OF REFTEL. SUCH GUIDELINES WOULD INCREASE THE ABILITY OF THE RFE/RL OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT HERE TO STEER COURSE WHICH, WITHOUT SACRIFICING RFE'S JOURNALISTIC INTEGRITY, WOULD REDUCE LIKELIHOOD OF RFE BROADCASTING PROGRAMS WHICH MIGHT BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE BROAD GOALS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

2. IN CONGEN VIEW, MANNER IN WHICH GUIDELINES SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY ARE TRANSMITTED TO RFE COULD HAVE DECISIVE INFLUENCE ON WHETHER GUIDELINES ARE ADOPTED (OR AT LEAST CONSIDERED ON THEIR MERITS) AS WELL AS LASTING EFFECT ON DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO EXERT CONTINUING INFLUENCE
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ON OVERALL POLICY CONTENT OF RFE (AND RL) BROADCASTS. NEITHER THE LETTER NOR THE SPIRIT OF PL 93-129, THE LEGISLATION WHICH CREATED THE BIB AND ESTABLISHED THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK IN WHICH DEPARTMENT'S RELATIONS WITH BIB AND RFE/RL ARE CONDUCTED, GIVES THE DEPARTMENT A LICENSE TO ISSUE GUIDELINES DIRECTLY TO RFE/RL. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS QUITE IMPORTANT IN CONGEN'S VIEW,

THAT THE GUIDELINES SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY NOT REPEAT NOT
BE VENTILATED WITH RFE UNTIL DEPARTMENT HAS HAD
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THEM WITH BIB.

3. CONGEN DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO DISCUSS REFTTEL
WITH RFE MANAGEMENT HERE UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT
TO DO SO.BETTS

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